

Brian Davies.  
**The Reality of God and the Problem of Evil.**

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In a relatively compact book the author brings the tools of western philosophical thinking to bear on questions such as: Does God exist? What is God? Is God morally good? and then to ask: What do we mean by evil? and, What should we say about a God of goodness in a world of such manifest evil?

The author sees the pursuit as an intellectual one rather than a practical one. He is a friend to Thomas Aquinas, and his conclusions, whilst challenging and thought provoking, could claim to be highly orthodox, if not a little conservative.

As the book is intended for non-philosophers, the technical jargon used is mostly well explained but some of the passages that use the nuances of the algebra of language needed more than my usual concentration. At £18 it makes for a worthwhile buy.

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